(a) whether it is a fact that there has been acute shortage of drinking water in the C.P.W.D. Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no drinking water in the evening time in the aforesaid colony is being supplied by Government during the last several years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government have taken against those concerned officials who are fully responsible for it; and

(d) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard and also supply water in the evening also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that a 200 mm dia bulk water connection has been provided to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar. The CPWD gives water supply in the morning and evening in case there is sufficient water supply by the DJB. However, in view of the general shortage of water, whenever the water supply by DJB is inadequate, supply in the evening is curtailed in order to provide adequate water in the next morning.

(c) and (d) The DJB has indicated that supply of water to this colony will improve considerably on augmentation of filtered water availability in South Delhi including Vasant Vihar area on completion of 140 MGD Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant by December, 2003.

Delhi High Court directive on encroachments along Yamuna bank

4640. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Delhi High Court while delivering judgment, has commented that encroachment is a never-ending drama in capital and ordered that the Yamuna's bank be cleared of all encroachments within two months; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure compliance of Court's judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b) Hon'ble Delhi High Court in its order dated 3-3-2003 passed in CWP No. 2112/2002 has directed all the concerned authorities *i.e.* DDA, MCD, PWD, Delhi Jal Board as well as the Central Government to forthwith remove all the unauthorized structures, jhuggies, places of worship and/or any other structure

which are unauthorisedly put in Yamuna bed and its embankment within two months. Further action in this regard is to be taken by the respective land owning agencies.

CGEWHO Housing Project in Noida

4641. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation (CGEWHO), an autonomous body under the administrative control of his Ministry undertook a Housing Project for Central Government Employees in Noida, Phase-III, Sector-82;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project was to be completed by the end of the October, 2002;

(c) if so, whether possession of housing units has been handed over to the beneficiaries so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken by Government to ensure immediate handing over the possession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per scheme announcement, the project was to be completed by December, 2002.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) CGEWHO has informed that the construction activities were commenced as per schedule. However, due to the regulations on mining operations of sand and stone aggregate in the National Capital Region, the availability of basic construction materials became scarce and the organization had to resort to bringing the materials from distant places like Chandigarh etc. It was, therefore, not possible to obtain a steady supply in time. Now majority of construction activities have been completed. The Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation has sanctioned single point bulk power supply of 33 K.V., which requires stepping down and distribution of power to individual units by the residents, which may be a very difficult task for the beneficiaries. The matter has been taken up at the CMD level of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation and a decision towards giving individual connections to the dwelling units, directly by Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation instead of single point bulk supply, is expected soon. On obtaining the power connection from Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, the dwelling units shall be handed over to the beneficiaries.